

AMENDMENT

This is a supplemental response to the Office Action dated July 12, 2001. Please amend the claims of the above-identified application as follows:

a. Amend Claim 1 as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) An aqueous glittering ball-point pen ink composition comprising

- a. a glass flake pigment,
- b. a water-soluble resin,
- c. a water-soluble organic solvent, and
- d. water

as essential ingredients,

said glass flake pigment being glass flake coated with a metal, and said glass flake pigment having a median diameter of about 5 to about 100  $\mu\text{m}$ .

b. Amend Claim 3 as follows:

3. (Twice Amended). An aqueous glittering ball-point pen ink composition comprising

- a. a glass flake pigment,
- b. a water-soluble resin,
- c. a water-soluble organic solvent,
- d. water, and

e. a colorant

as essential ingredients.

said glass flake pigment being glass flake coated with a metal, and said glass flake pigment having a median diameter of about 5 to about 100  $\mu\text{m}$

c. Amend Claims 24, 30, 33 and 35, as follows:

24. A writing tool as set forth in claim 22, wherein the viscosity of ink measured by an ELD-type viscometer (3° R14 cone; rotation speed: 0.5 rpm; 20°C) is 1000 to 10000 mPa·s.

30. A writing tool as set forth in claim 29, wherein said water-soluble resin is a water-soluble thickening resin and the viscosity of aqueous glittering ink measured by an ELD-type viscometer (3° R14 cone; rotation speed: 0.5 rpm; 20°C) is 1000 to 10000 mPa·s.

33. A method of claim 32, wherein the viscosity of aqueous glittering ink measured by an ELD-type viscometer (3° R14 cone; rotation speed: 0.5 rpm; 20°C) is 1000 to 10000 mPa·s.

34. A method of claim 34, wherein the viscosity of aqueous glittering ink measured by an ELD-type viscometer (3° R14 cone; rotation speed: 0.5 rpm; 20°C) is 1000 to 10000 mPa·s.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to claims 1, 3, 24, 30, 33 and 35 by the current amendments. The attachment is entitled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made".

#### REMARKS

Applicants have prepared and filed a divisional application directed to the subject matter of pending independent claims 2 and 4 and dependent claims 6, 8, 10, 12, and 14. On receipt of acknowledgment of the filing of this divisional application, those claims will be withdrawn from